

# Willmar Police Department 2009 Annual Report





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## **ELECTED CITY OFFICIALS & APPOINTED CITY COMMISSIONERS**

### MAYOR

Lester Heitke

### CITY COUNCIL

Denis Anderson, Ward 1  
Bruce DeBlieck, Ward 1  
Ron Christianson, Ward 2  
Tim Johnson, Ward 2

Rick Fagerlie, Ward 3  
Steve Ahmann, Ward 3  
Jim Dokken, Ward 4  
Douglas Reese, Ward 4

### POLICE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSIONERS

Lowell Fostervold, President  
Dennis Anfinson, Vice President  
Lourdez Schwab, Secretary



### **WPD MISSION STATEMENT**

***The mission of the Willmar Police Department is to guarantee all persons' constitutional rights under the law and to protect life and property through the enforcement of federal, state, and local laws and ordinances, through education of the community and through service to the public.***



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## **WILLMAR POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL**

as of December 31, 2009

Chief of Police .....	James A. Kulset
Captain .....	David J. Wyffels
Sergeant .....	Julie A. Asmus
Sergeant .....	Vincent K. King
Sergeant .....	James E. Felt
Sergeant .....	Michael J. Anderson
Sergeant .....	Daniel R. Erickson
Sergeant .....	Michael C. Markkanen
Police Officer (Specialist) .....	Timothy L. Manuel
Police Officer (Specialist) .....	Marilee K. Dorn
Police Officer (Specialist) .....	Anthony J. LaPatka
Police Officer (Specialist) .....	Delmin C. Wagner
Police Officer .....	Robert P. Dobransky, Jr.
Police Officer (Specialist) .....	Michael J. Jahnke
Police Officer (Specialist) .....	Gene A. Schneider
Police Officer .....	Frank O. Hanson
Police Officer (Specialist) .....	Kristian M. Kolstad
Police Officer (Specialist) .....	Chad L. Nelson
Police Officer .....	Craig A. Lange
Police Officer .....	Chad W. Oakleaf
Police Officer .....	Jared J. Wosmek
Police Officer .....	Jason E. Evans
Police Officer (Specialist) .....	Scott M. Erickson
Police Officer .....	Zachary N. Herzog
Police Officer .....	Dustin M. Van der Hagen
Police Officer .....	James A. Venenga
Police Officer .....	Bridget A. Coit
Police Officer (Specialist) .....	Ross S. Livingood
Police Officer .....	Michael J. Holme
Police Officer .....	Samuel M. Neubauer
Police Officer .....	Joshua M. Helgeson
Police Officer .....	Christopher T. Flatten
Police Officer .....	Jason M. Hay
Administrative Assistant .....	Susan A. Edwards
Secretary .....	Linda K. Wittman
Secretary .....	Kimberly M. Becker-Stenglein
Secretary .....	Katherine E. Laughlin
Community Service Officer .....	Alexander M. Anderson
Community Service Officer .....	Anthony M. Pearson
Community Service Officer .....	Matthew B. Peters
Community Service Officer .....	Matthew P. Ledeboer



## **RESIGNATIONS, PROMOTIONS AND NEW EMPLOYEES**

Jacob Kutz and Cory Hillesheim completed the CSO/Apprentice Program through Ridgewater College on May 15, 2009, and left to complete the Law Enforcement Skills Program in Alexandria.

Joshua Frank was hired for the summer months as a part-time CSO.

Summer part-time employees for the Bicycle Patrol were Andrew Halbritter and Christopher Duscher.

Detective Sergeant John Kappers retired July 11, 2009, after 36 years with the Willmar Police Department.

Sergeant Vince King was assigned to the Detective Sergeant position on July 24, 2009.

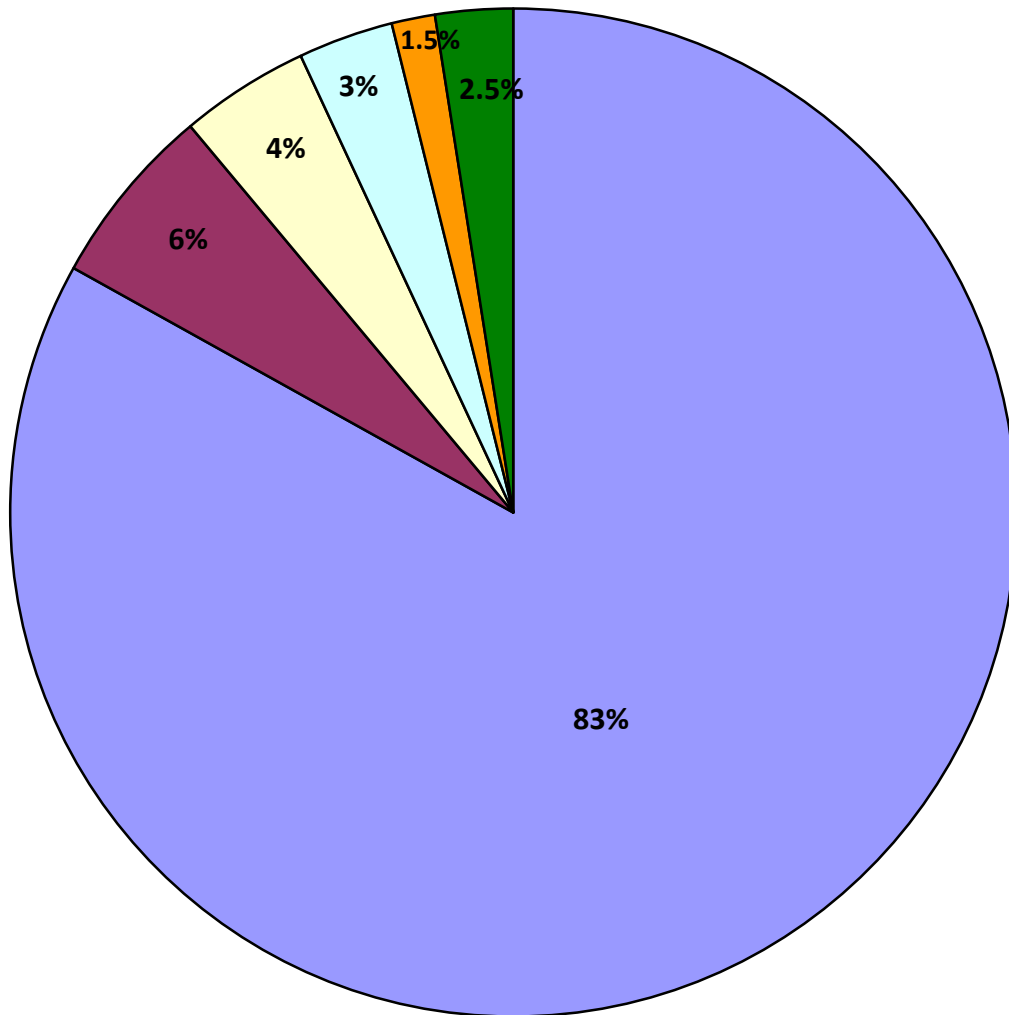
Officer Michael Markkanen was promoted to Sergeant on August 9, 2009. Michael has been with the department since March 21, 1985.

Officer Ross Livingood was assigned to the School Resource Officer position in August 2009.

Matthew Peters and Matthew Ledeboer began the CSO/Apprentice Program through Ridgewater College on September 29, 2009.



## **WILLMAR POLICE DEPARTMENT 2009 BUDGET ALLOCATION**



- **Personnel (83%)**
- **Debt Services LEC and 800 MHz Radio (6%)**
- **Fuel & Vehicle Maintenance (4%)**
- **Capital Expense - Vehicle Replacement (3%)**
- **Other Services - Animal Control, Impounding, Vehicle Towing (1.5%)**
- **All Other - Less than 3% in 18 other areas of line items (2.5%)**



## WILLMAR POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFFING

YEAR	POPULATION	SWORN OFFICERS	OFFICERS ON PATROL	CALLS FOR SERVICE
1999	18,978	32	21	11,918
2000	18,978	31	20	12,150
2001	18,351	32	21	11,760
2002	18,488	31	20	12,153
2003	18,512	32	21	12,944
2004	18,597	32	21	12,563
2005	18,659	31	20	17,051
2006	18,709	33	20	20,363
2007	18,305	33	20	20,834
2008	19,040	34	20	20,754
<b>2009</b>	<b>19,130</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20,564</b>

In January 2005, the Kandiyohi County Records Unit implemented a new Records Management System (CODY).

## NON-CERTIFIED EMPLOYEES TRAINING

Courses	Employees	Hours
ARMER II – Hands on Radio Use	4	10.5
ARMER Training (800 MHz radios)	4	8
Bloodborne Pathogens, HIV, Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C	8	7.5
CJIS/BCA Information Services	4	2
Crim Sex / Strangulation / Other Crimes – County Attorney Training	2	4
Death Scene Training: From Crime Scene to Interviews	1	8
DNR Laws for Snowmobile, ATV's, etc.	1	2
Hazardous Materials – First Responder Awareness	8	7.5
ICE Detention and Removal Operations	1	2
Property Room Management	1	16
Sexual Assault Investigations	1	4
Vehicle Interdiction Training	1	16
ZAP – Zero Alcohol Providers	2	4
<b>Total Hours of Training Provided: 91.5</b>		

Submitted by: Sue Edwards, Adm. Asst.



## WPD STATISTICS

### CALLS FOR SERVICE

Literal Description	2008	2009
9-1-1 Hang-Up Call	116	115
Abandoned Vehicles & 48-Hour Parking	276	274
Accident Motor Vehicle – Property Damage	455	528
Accident Motor Vehicle vs. Animal	5	9
Accident Motor Vehicle vs. Pedestrian	8	15
Accident Other Referred to State Patrol	5	7
Accident Packets Issued	72	72
Alarms	383	451
All Other Public Complaints	1192	1145
Ambulance Call – Accident	0	1
Ambulance Call – Medical Emergency	37	42
Animal Bites	1	3
Arson Investigation	1	0
Assault Other	162	159
Assault with a Firearm	6	3
Assault with a Knife	14	9
Assist in Locating	257	243
Assist Other Agencies	95	97
ATV Complaints	13	10
Bicycle Accident Injury	2	4
Bomb Threat	4	0
Burglary in Progress	23	25
Burglary Report	98	68
Bus Stop Arm Violation	65	50
Check Cases	41	31
Check Welfare of Person	241	239
Child Custody Dispute	87	79
Crimes Against Admin. Justice	1	7
Criminal Damage to Property	441	347
Criminal Sexual Conduct – 1st Degree	23	27
Curfew Violation	21	21
Disorderly Conduct	52	55
Dog and Animal Complaints	922	792
Dog Bites	18	28
Domestics	428	442
Doors / Windows Found Open	56	49
Doors Unlocked	24	16
Driving Complaints	397	466
Drug Violations	71	86

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Literal Description	2008	2009
Drunkenness (Other than Detox)	122	112
Electric Home Monitoring Violation	0	5
Emergency Messages	4	8
Escape From Custody	0	1
Family Service Reports	335	348
Fight Call	204	198
Financial Transaction Card Fraud	16	44
Fire Call Law Enforcement Response	59	38
Fire Investigation	1	0
Fireworks Complaint	79	50
Foot Pursuit Information	9	9
Forgery	45	21
Found Animals	166	214
Found Persons	25	17
Found Property	226	238
Fraud	83	83
Funeral Escorts	79	69
Gang Affiliation Information	11	9
Gang Related Materials	386	155
Harassment / Threats / Phone / Mail	484	542
Harassment Court Order / Hearing	1	1
Harassment Order Violation	41	28
Hazmat Incident	1	0
Hit & Run Injury Accident	2	3
Hit & Run Property Damage Accident	187	206
Homicide	1	0
Identity Theft	71	82
Illness or Death Notices	5	2
Indecent Exposure	10	11
Information	79	64
Internet Crimes	5	4
K-9 Assists	5	14
Kidnapping	0	2
Liquor Violations	45	31
Lost Animals	76	78
Lost Persons	12	4
Lost Property	87	92
Loud Parties / Neighborhood Disturbances	513	563
Medical Assist / Police	1	3
Mental Cases	173	52
Mental Transport	2	3
Missing Person Report	14	9
Motorist Assists	247	211
Motor Vehicle Accident – Other	57	62

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Literal Description	2008	2009
Motor Vehicle Accident – Fatal	1	1
Motor Vehicle Pursuits	3	6
Motor Vehicle Tampering	15	10
Motor Vehicle Theft	44	35
Neglect – Information	5	8
No Contact Order Violation	25	20
Officer Safety Information	5	8
Order For Protection Violation	50	35
Other	2	1
Parking Violations	230	250
Permit Denials	10	8
Permit to Acquire	112	127
Permit to Shoot Pests	40	35
Permit to Solicit	3	10
Personal Injury Accident	46	52
Persons to Crisis	20	19
Persons to Detox	45	48
Physical Abuse – Information	15	12
Possess Child Pornography	1	1
Prisoner Release Notification	1	23
Probation Violation	2	4
Prostitution	0	1
Prowler / Window Peeker	9	9
Public Assists	414	372
Recovery of Stolen Motor Vehicle	11	10
Recovery of Stolen Property	10	10
Repossessed Vehicle	25	22
Request for Extra Patrol	117	131
Residence Checks	61	44
Return Locate	4	20
Ride-Along Program Participant	136	107
Robbery In Progress	4	3
Robbery Other	3	2
Runaways	63	37
School Crossing Guard Violation	5	6
Search Warrant Execution	16	6
Sexual Assault Other	27	20
Sex Offender	11	7
Sexual Abuse – Information	28	8
Shoplifter	169	216
Snowbirds	71	37
Snowmobile Complaints	3	5
Sonshine Violations	15	25
Stalled Vehicles	173	164

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Literal Description	2008	2009
State Hospital Walk-Away	9	2
Stolen Property/Possession	2	2
Submerged Motor Vehicle in Water/Ice	3	0
Sudden Death / Body Found	10	17
Suicidal Person	60	62
Suicide	2	1
Suicide Attempts	1	7
Suspicious Person	543	569
Theft	766	714
Tobacco Violation	19	6
Traffic Stops	6,720	6,960
Trespass	48	65
Vagrancy	6	10
Vulnerable Adult Information	24	33
Warrant Arrest	322	363
Warrant Transport	6	4
Watercraft Complaints	2	2
Weapons Complaints	77	71
<b>TOTAL CALLS REQUIRING POLICE ACTION</b>	<b>20,754</b>	<b>20,564</b>

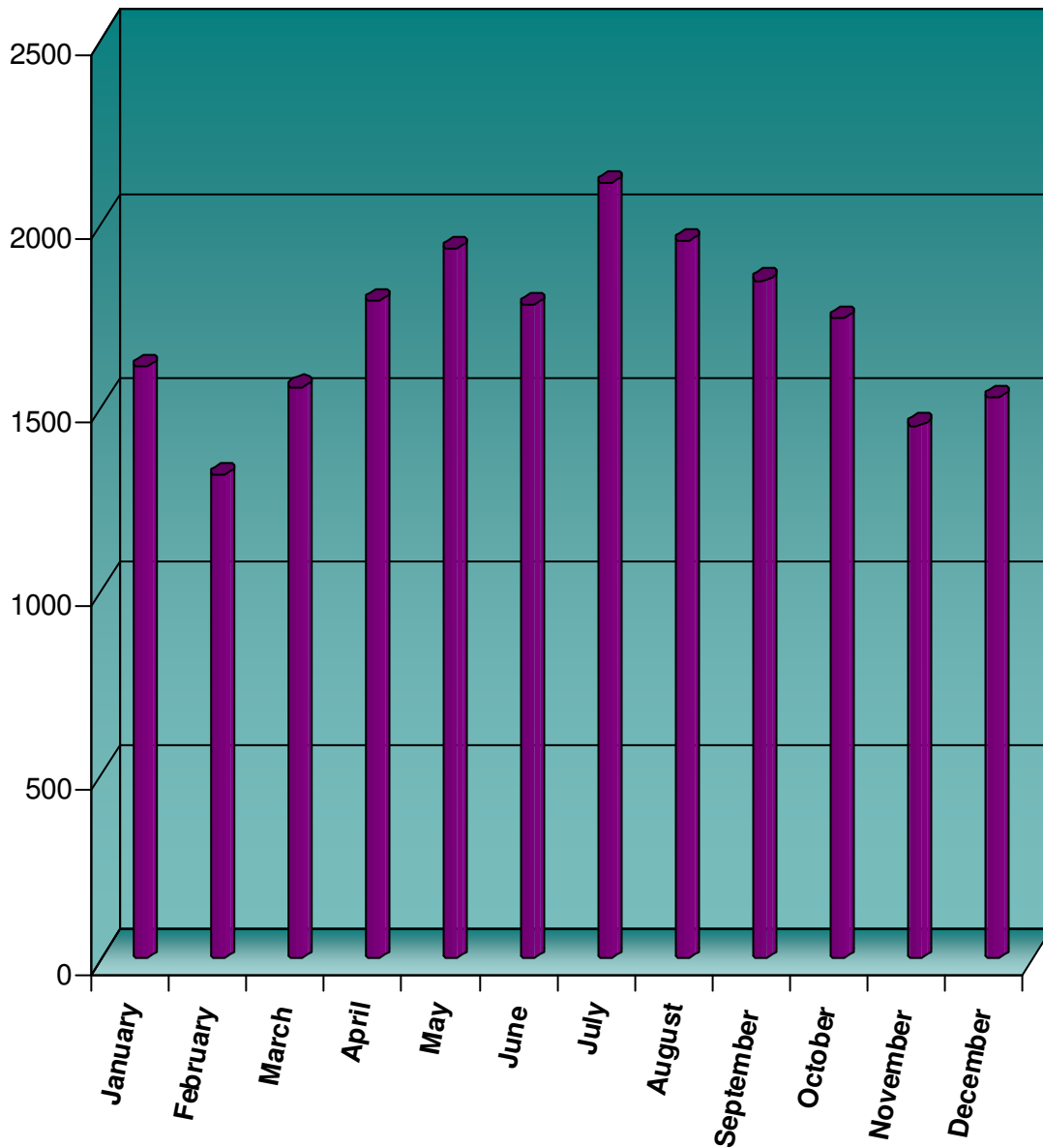






## Calls For Service By Month

There were 20,564 police calls for service in the year 2009. The graph depicts a breakdown of these calls per month. The statistics were furnished from the Kandiyohi County Records Unit.



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## UNIFORM CRIME REPORT

Incidents by Type	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Murder	0	0	0	1	0
Rape	25	25	35	26	19
Robbery	7	8	8	7	4
Aggravated Assault	34	35	15	33	32
Burglary	123	111	90	78	66
Theft	752	603	552	570	629
Motor Vehicle Theft	28	34	33	19	21
Arson	4	9	3	3	1
Misdemeanor Assault	136	163	158	128	135
Forgery	50	69	44	58	130
Fraud	63	98	92	96	29
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	0
Stolen Property	8	4	9	7	6
Vandalism	290	396	246	414	348
Weapons	16	16	8	4	8
Prostitution	0	0	1	1	0
Other Sex Offenses	27	27	26	29	27
Narcotics	74	92	82	81	72
Gambling	1	0	0	0	0
Offense Against Family & Children	5	3	3	4	11
Driving Under The Influence	108	152	137	125	123
Liquor Laws	89	86	97	98	85
Drunkenness	0	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	47	72	57	37	48
Vagrancy	0	0	1	0	0
Other Offenses (Excluding Traffic)	184	195	198	191	271
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,071</b>	<b>2,199</b>	<b>1,895</b>	<b>2,005</b>	<b>2,065</b>

Statistics furnished from the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) to Police Chief James Kulset. The BCA only records the most serious offense in any given incident.

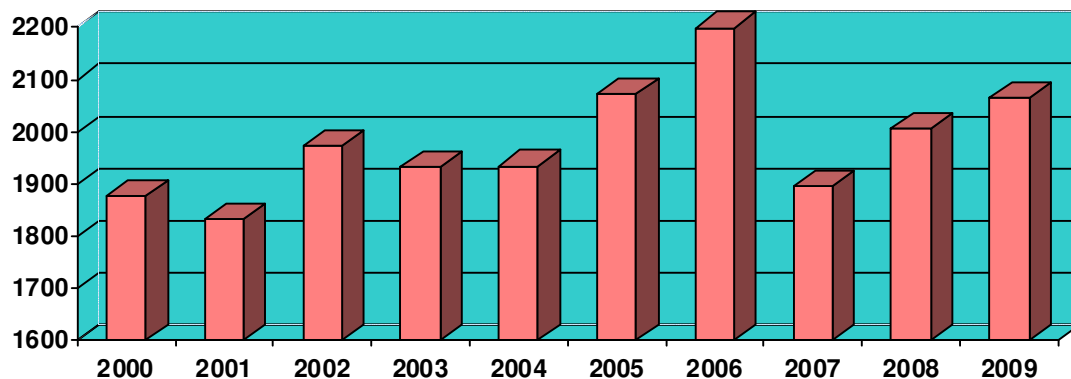
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## MINNESOTA BCA CRIME ANALYSIS

The following is a 10-year crime comparison for the City of Willmar as reported by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA).

Year	Total	Part I	Part II
<b>2009</b>	<b>2,065</b>	<b>772</b>	<b>1,293</b>
2008	2,005	733	1,272
2007	1,895	736	1,159
2006	2,199	825	1,368
2005	2,071	973	1,098
2004	1,934	861	1,073
2003	1,932	829	1,103
2002	1,972	867	1,105
2001	1,834	745	1,099
2000	1,877	764	1,113



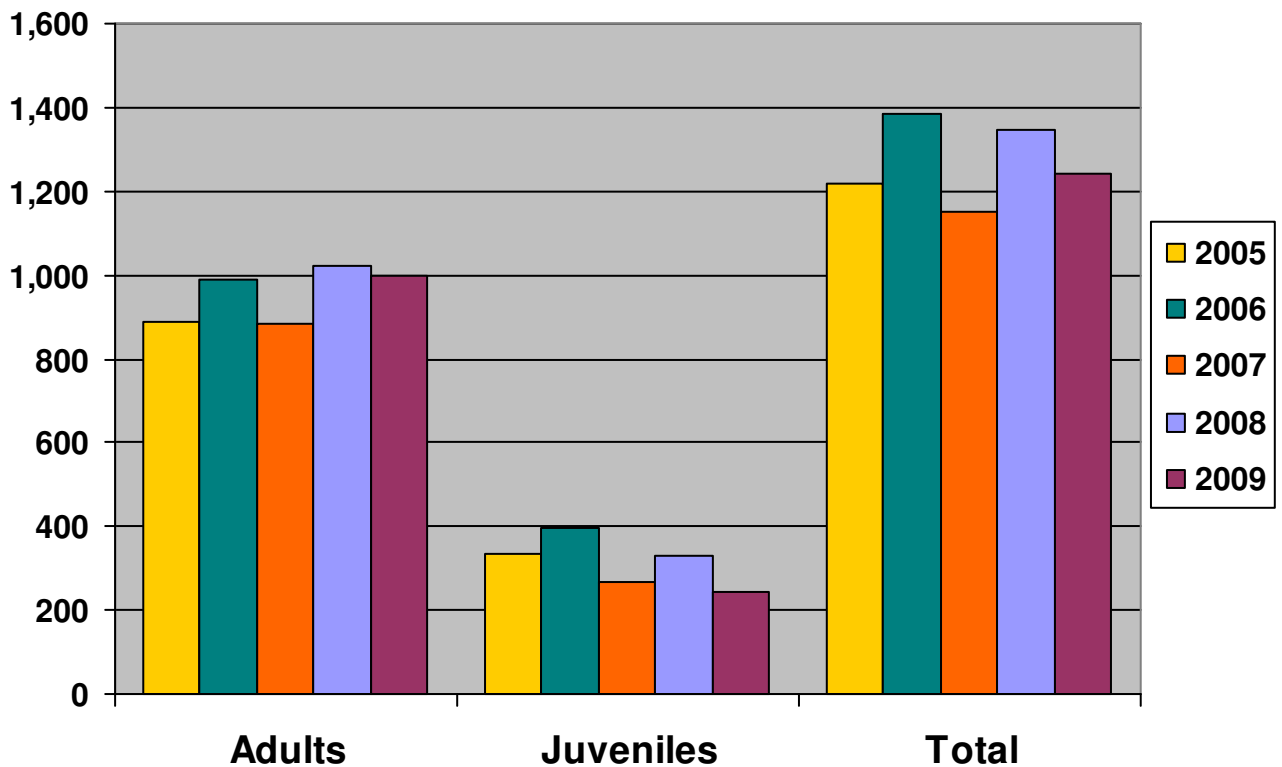
- Part I crimes include: homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, theft, vehicle theft and arson.
- Part II crimes include: misd. assaults, forgery, fraud, embezzlement, stolen property, vandalism, weapons, prostitution, other sex crimes, narcotics, gambling, family/children, D.U.I., liquor laws, drunkenness, disorderly, vagrancy, other (excluding traffic).

Year	Crime Rate per 100,000 Residents
<b>2009</b>	<b>11,610</b>
2008	11,131
2007	10,352
2006	11,742
2005	10,831
2004	10,585
2003	10,521
2002	10,600
2001	9,994
2000	9,861



## ARREST INFORMATION

YEAR	ADULTS	JUVENILES	TOTAL
<b>2009</b>	<b>996</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>1,241</b>
2008	1,021	328	1,349
2007	884	268	1,152
2006	989	397	1,386
2005	887	332	1,219





## TRAFFIC CITATIONS BY VIOLATION

The following is a breakdown of District Court Citations:

Violation	2009
.08 or More	115
1st Degree DUI	4
2nd Degree DUI	15
3rd Degree DUI	43
4th Degree DUI	70
Amplified Noise	3
Bicycle Violations	6
Careless Driving	17
Child Restraint Violation	18
Driving Around Barricades	4
Driving After Cancellation	19
Driving After Cancellation IPS	17
Driving After Revocation	127
Driving After Suspension	109
Driving Rule Violation	3
Exhibition Driving	12
Expired Driver's License	7
Expired Plates	1
Expired Registration	25
Fail to Signal	7
Fail to Yield Right of Way	21
Fail to Yield to Emergency MV	2
Fail to Yield to Pedestrian	4
Following too Close	1
Handicap Parking Violation	2
Headlight Violation	1
Hit & Run	26
Illegal Equipment	6
Illegal Lane Use	3
Illegal Passing	2
Illegal U-Turn	1
Illegal Use of License Plates	4
Improper Address	5
Improper Turning	4

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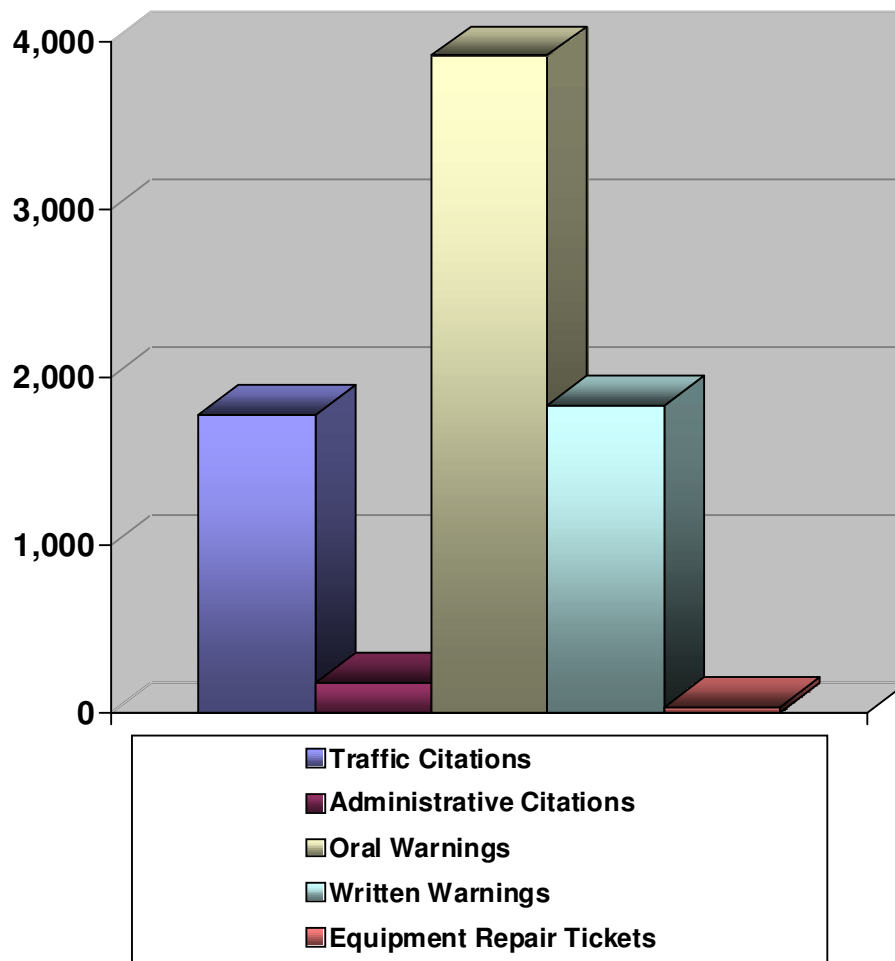
<b>Violation</b>	<b>2009</b>
Inattentive Driving	6
Instruction Permit Violation	40
License Plate Obstructed	1
License Restriction	1
Littering	2
Loud Exhaust	16
No Driver's License in Possession	1
No Front/Rear License Plate	4
No Insurance	88
No Minnesota Driver's License	137
No Proof of Insurance	220
Not a Drop Underage Drinking & Driving	6
Open Bottle	27
Over Center Line	12
Parking All Other	1
Permit Illegal Operation	5
Possession of Marijuana in a Motor Vehicle	19
Railroad Crossing Violation	1
Reckless Driving	8
Red Light Violation	13
Refusal to Submit to Test	17
Revoked License Plates	13
School Bus Stop Arm Violation	33
School Crossing Guard Violation	1
Seatbelt Violation	100
Speeding	195
Stop Sign Violation	46
Suspended Object	1
Taillight Violation	2
Ted Foss Law Move to the Left	5
Title Change	3
Trucker Violations – Miscellaneous	2
Unreasonable Acceleration	1
Vision Obscured	2
Weaving	1
Window Tint Violation	13



## Total Citations by Category

<b><i>Traffic Citations</i></b>	<b><i>1,748</i></b>
<b><i>Administrative Citations</i></b>	<b><i>179</i></b>
<b><i>Oral Warnings</i></b>	<b><i>3,916</i></b>
<b><i>Written Warnings</i></b>	<b><i>1,837</i></b>
<b><i>Illegal Equipment Repair Tickets</i></b>	<b><i>37</i></b>

## Traffic Enforcement Activity



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## PROPERTY INTAKE REPORT

The following report is a compilation of records entered into the Willmar Police Department property system. This system holds three different categories of property normally submitted by Willmar Police officers. These three categories are:

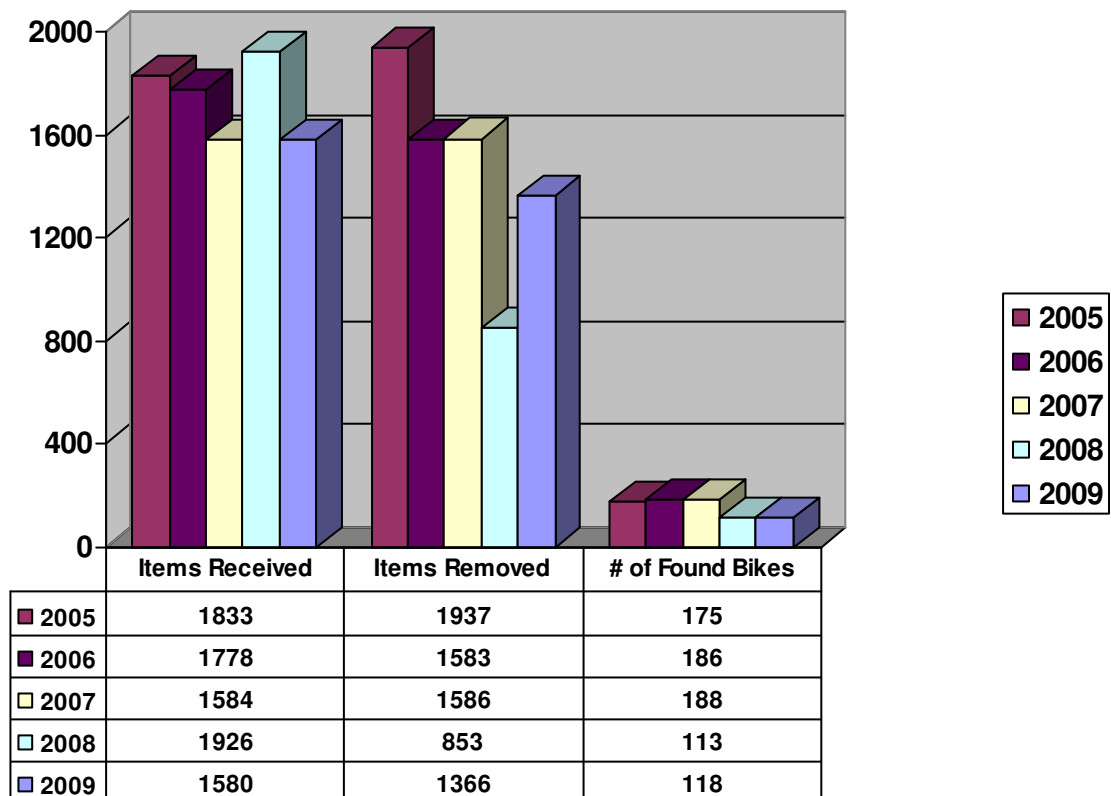
**Evidence** – any property held as evidence relating to a crime.

**Found Property** – any property found by citizens and turned into the custody of the police.

**Property Held for Safe Keeping** – any property held for “safe-keeping” until the owner can make arrangements for its return.

The Willmar Police Department has two property technicians. These technicians spend an estimated 30 hours per week (combined) performing their duties. The technicians are responsible for the intake (storage) and removal (eventual return, destruction, or other outcome) of property brought into the system. The number of items handled fluctuates slightly by season and by current criminal activity. Summer months normally show a greater activity resulting from a greater number of bikes that are turned in as “found property”.

The following statistics give an indication as to the amount of property handled by the technicians in 2009:



Submitted by: Captain David Wyffels





## **FORFEITURE REPORT**

The following report is a compilation of records relating to property that was seized by the Willmar Police Department as being eligible for forfeiture. There are at least 23 different criminal offenses that are considered when determining whether or not property may be forfeited. Most property seized as forfeitable property is obtained from drug or alcohol offenses. Alcohol related forfeitures only allow seizure of the vehicle used.

Law determines who gets what amount of the proceeds from the sale of forfeitable property. Forfeitures initiated by the Willmar Police Department are divided in the following manner:

<b><u>Type of Forfeiture</u></b>	<b><u>Division of Proceeds</u></b>
Criminal Forfeitures	70% - City of Willmar 20% - Kandiyohi County Attorney's Office 10% - State of Minnesota
Alcohol Forfeitures	100% - City of Willmar

If the violation is prosecuted at a Federal level, the proceeds are divided in the following manner:

Criminal Forfeitures	80% - City of Willmar 20% - U.S. Attorney's Office
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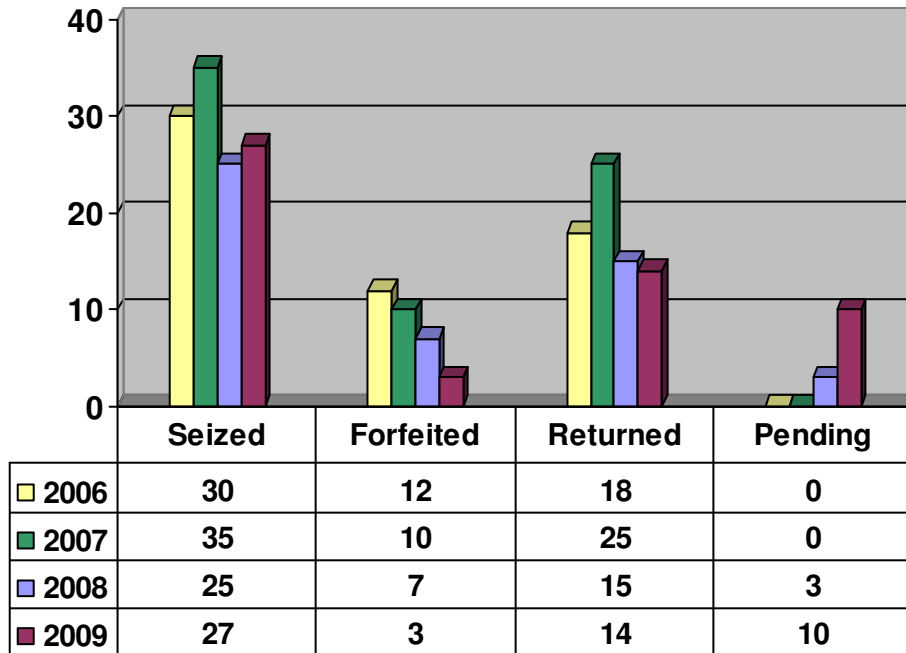
The Willmar Police Department normally employs the use of an "Administrative" forfeiture rather than a "Judicial" forfeiture because the burden of proof is placed upon the defendant. Property eligible for forfeiture is described in Minnesota Statute 609.531 – 609.5318 as property that was used or intended to be used for the commission of a designated offense.

Although a wide variety of items may be forfeitable, the majority and most common items forfeited are vehicles and cash. When practical, the Willmar Police Department will acquire forfeited property for Department use. Many forfeiture actions are settled without a court hearing.

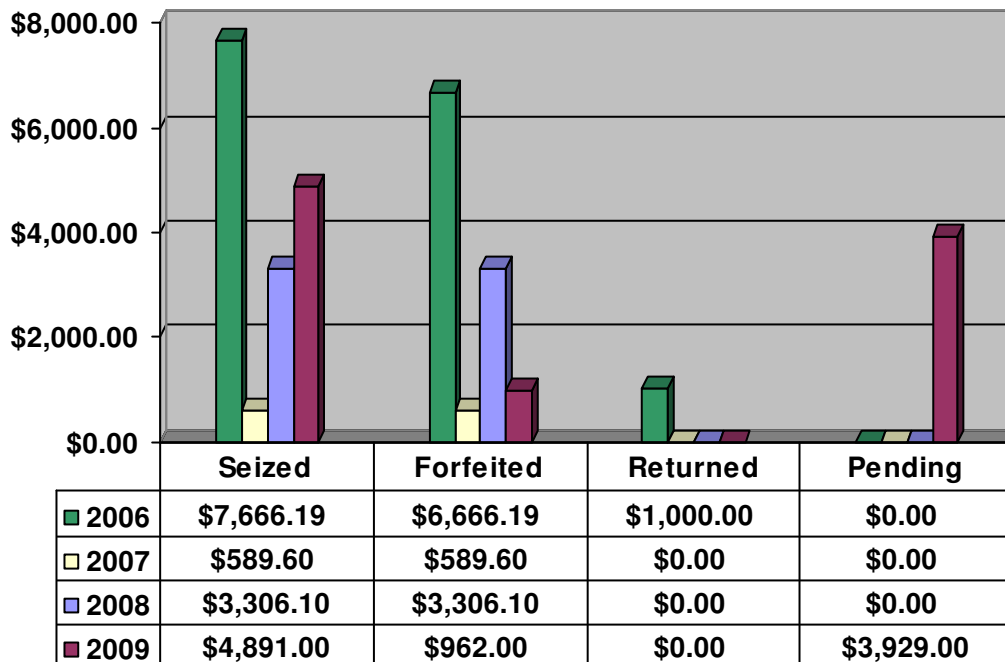
Submitted by: Captain Dave Wyffels



## Vehicle Seizures



## Cash Seizures





## **MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY**

	2007	2008	2009
Assist Other Agencies	939	1,008	699
Citizen Assists	1,233	1,019	728
Police Car Mileage	448,044	398,544	393,049



## **FALSE ALARMS**

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, there were approximately 525 businesses and residences with installed alarms, eight (8) of which had over five alarms. Each alarm after the 5<sup>th</sup> alarm is billed. The fee for police response to a false alarm is \$100.00 for each alarm after the 5th alarm. Revenue in the amount of \$1,800.00 was collected by the City for false alarms that occurred during the period from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

## **TOWS**

The police towed 354 vehicles during 2009 and approximately \$40,000.00 was collected in towing charges, taxes, administration fees, and storage. Approximately \$19,800.00 in revenue was retained by the City in administration fees and storage fees.

At the May 2009 auction, 63 impounded vehicles were sold, and at the October 2009 auction, 46 impounded vehicles were sold.

Submitted by: Linda Wittman, Secretary

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## PRESENTATIONS / TRAINING

Requests for officers to do presentations vary as much as the topics. The Police Department also provides training to other departments. The following is a list of topics presented in 2009:

Topic	# of Presentations
Babysitter Safety	2
Bike, Pedestrian and Scooter Safety	6
Calling for Help / 9-1-1	2
Careers in Policing – the Reality of CSI	2
Child Passenger Safety	6
Children's Personal Safety	6
Concerns for New Drivers	16
Crime Stoppers	1
Detective Duties	1
Distracted Driving	1
Domestic Abuse	1
Drugs & Alcohol	2
Evidence Collection	1
Field Training Officer (FTO) Program/Being A Police Officer	2
Gangs	2
Halloween Safety	5
Health Care Needs for Incarcerated Individuals & Workplace Safety for Health Care Providers	1
Holiday Travel Safety	1
Home Alone Safety	4
Identity Theft & Identity Theft – The Cost to Businesses	5
Internet Safety	10
"Officer Friendly"	5
Personal Safety & Basic Self-Defense	2
Personal Safety for Public Employees & Home Visits	1
Police / ERT Functions	1
Professional Alcohol Server Education	4
Scams, Fraud and Identity Theft	3
School Zone Laws and Safety Practices	2
Sexual Assault Investigative Process	1
Sexual Harassment and Violence in the Workplace	1
Shoplifting / Theft Diversion Clinic	6
Shoplifting Prevention and Apprehension	3
Surviving a School Shooting Situation	1
Teaching Drug Demand Reduction	1
The Aftermath of a Home Burglary – Identity Theft	2
Underage Binge Drinking	1
Workplace Violence / Managing Unacceptable Behavior	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>115</b>



## **PATROL DIVISION**

The Patrol Division is the backbone of the department. Uniform patrol officers are responsible for the response to the majority of the 20,564 public generated calls for service. Uniform officers also do the majority of initial crime scene processing and investigations. The majority of the department's traffic enforcement is done by the officers assigned to the Uniform Division. Other responsibilities include warrant service, crime prevention, community education, ride-along program, parking enforcement (on street), and COPPS meetings.

The Patrol Division generally works in four teams led by a sergeant. Patrol officers normally work 12-hour shifts, with overlap shifts targeted towards highest activity days and times.

## **RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM**

The Willmar Police Department has a Ride-Along Program, which allows individuals to ride with on-duty officers after signing a Waiver of Liability. If the participant is not 18 years of age, a parent must also sign the waiver. Individuals are allowed to ride twice within a calendar year. Officers are not required to take ride-along participants, but are encouraged to do so as an educational tool for the public. Nineteen (19) officers participated in 107 ride-alongs during 2009.

## **ACTIVITY FOR OFF-DUTY OFFICERS / EVENTS**

Description	Officers	Hours	Total
Kandiyohi County Fair	4	29	--
Kandi Entertainment Center – Miss Quince	2	12	720.00
Senior High Dances	4	11.5	690.00
Senior High Basketball Games	4	15.5	930.00
Senior High Football Games	15	46.5	2,790.00
Senior High Hockey Games	1	2	120.00
Senior High Lunch Detail	12	119.5	7,170.00
SonShine	15	194.5	11,670.00
Softball Tournament / Swansson Field	2	12	720.00
Wal-Mart	6	28	1,680.00
Willmar Jaycees Downtown Block Party	1	6	360.00
Willmar Fest Activities	9	45.5	---
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>26,850.00</b>



## OFFICER TRAINING

Minnesota law requires licensed police officers to attend at least 48 hours of Minnesota Peace Officer Standards & Training (POST) approved courses in a three-year license period. This means the Willmar Police Department must provide a minimum of 1,584 hours of training to its officers just to meet minimum state requirements.

The following training was provided to officers of the department during 2009:

Courses	Officers	Hours
Advanced Driving Course	13	104
Advanced Supervision Skills	3	72
Alcohol Awareness "Train the Trainer"	1	2.5
Anatomy of Strangulation: Identification of Killers	1	7
ARMER II – Hands on Radio Use & Distribution	31	82.75
ARMER Training (800 MHz Radios)	28	56
Basic & Advanced Steward Training	1	4
Basic School Resource Officer Training	1	40
Bloodborne Pathogens, HIV, Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C	33	27
Body Armor Demonstration	2	4
Bridges Out of Poverty Conference	1	13
Child Mortality Review Forum	3	6
Child Protection Training – From Crime Scene to Trial	1	15
CJIS/BCA Information Services Mandated Training	33	18
County Attorney – Law Updates and Legal Issues	23	40.75
Crim Sex / Strangulation / Other Crimes	11	22
DARE – Minnesota DARE Officers Association Training	7	55
DARE Officer Training	1	80
Death Scene Training – From Crime Scene to Interviews	14	112
DNR Laws for Snowmobiles, ATV's, etc.	16	32
DRE (Drug Recognition Expert) Recertification	4	27
E-Charging DWI's	28	57
ERT Unit – 50 Round MP5 Qualifier	43	44.25
Ethics Training – Not Above the Law	5	20
First Responder / EMT Recertification	17	287
First Responder Refresher	1	21
Handgun / Shotgun Police Instructor Recertification	4	102
Hazardous Materials – First Responder Awareness Training	33	25
ICE Detention and Removal Operations	19	31.5
Immigration & Naturalization (ICE) Documents and Enforcement	12	39.75
Intoxilyzer Operator Basic Course	1	24
Law Enforcement Guide to Forfeitures	5	18
Leadership Academy	1	28
Midwest Gang Investigators Association Conference	1	20
Minnesota Juvenile Officers Conference	1	20
MOCIC – Practical Application of Surveillance Equipment	4	96



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Courses	Officers	Hours
OPUE (Occupant Protection Usage and Enforcement)	1	3
PPCT Defensive Tactics Instructor Course	2	76
PPCT GAGE (Ground Avoidance Ground Escape) Instructor Course	1	20
PPCT Spontaneous Knife Defense Instructor Seminar	1	18
Practical Homicide Investigations	2	48
Pursuit Intervention Techniques (PIT) Driving Course	1	8
Reid Basic and Advanced Interview & Interrogation Techniques	1	26
Reid Advanced Interview & Interrogation Techniques	3	19.5
Rifle – Police Instructor Recertification	3	56
Safety & Loss Control Workshop	2	8
School – Active Shooter Training	22	77.5
Sexual Assault Investigations	4	16
SFST – Advanced Field Sobriety Training	2	12
SFST – Standard Field Sobriety Training	2	32
SMART Board Level 1 Training	1	6
Supervisors and Complaint Investigations	3	17.5
SWAT Tactics for High Risk Warrants, Barricaded Suspects & Hostage Rescue	61	381
Taser X26 & M26 Instructor Certification	3	18
Thermal Imaging	5	19
Toward Zero Deaths (TZD)	4	7.5
Toward Zero Deaths Conference	1	13.5
Use of Force – Defensive Tactics	29	415
Use of Force – Firearms	66	281
Vehicle Interdiction Training	10	145
WMD Emergency Responder Hazardous Materials Technician Course	1	40
Yellow Ribbon / Military Reintegration “Train the Trainer”	1	4
ZAP (Zero Adult Provider)	17	35.5
<b>Total Hours of Training Provided: 3,456.5</b>		



## JUVENILE DIVISION

The Juvenile Division is responsible for several programs, duties and responsibilities within the Willmar Police Department. The Juvenile Division consists of Sgt. Julie Asmus; three School Resource Officers, Anthony LaPatka, Michael Markkanen and Gene Schneider; and the Crime Prevention/Community Policing Coordinator, Marilee Dorn. In August, Michael Markkanen was promoted to Sergeant and was assigned to the Patrol Division. Officer Ross Livingood replaced Officer Markkanen and was assigned to the Juvenile Division as the new School Resource Officer.

Some of the activities coordinated out of the Juvenile Division include: juvenile court liaison, school liaison, special events, community notification of sex offenders, and numerous community education and prevention initiatives. The juvenile sergeant is also responsible for coordinating all special events and projects, including Willmar Fest, the SonShine Music Festival, and all charity walks and runs that take place in the city.

The Juvenile Division Sergeant also supervises the Apprentice/Community Service Officer (CSO) Program throughout the year and coordinates the bicycle safety program during the summer months. The CSO program consists of four Law Enforcement college students and the bike patrol consists of two college students.

Sgt. Asmus is a board member for the Minnesota DARE Officer's Association and helps coordinate training for all of the DARE officers in the State of Minnesota. In 2009, Willmar hosted the summer DARE officer training conference, which was held at the Willmar Middle School.

National Night Out was August 4th. The Willmar Police Department hosted the fourth annual Cookout and Safety Fair at Robbins Island. There were safety booths, displays and safety demonstrations. Local businesses donated food for a free picnic, a drawing was held for two bikes, and there were activities and games for the young and old. Approximately 800 people attended the event to promote neighborhood safety in an atmosphere of fun and community fellowship.

Another special event handled by Sgt. Asmus is the "Shop With A Cop" program. Wal-Mart donates gift cards and Sgt. Asmus coordinates law enforcement officers to shop with children for Christmas presents. This is always a highlight of the holiday season for both the officers and the children who are selected to participate.



Submitted by: Sgt. Julie A. Asmus





## **D.A.R.E. (DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION)**

This was the 20<sup>th</sup> year the Willmar Police Department participated in the D.A.R.E. Program. The program for the fifth graders started in January and was taught to approximately 300 students at Roosevelt Elementary School. Officers Marilee Dorn, Gene Schneider, Tony LaPatka and Sgt. Julie Asmus taught the D.A.R.E. curriculum. Officer Michael Markkanen, the Junior High School Resource Officer (SRO), was injured off-duty in January and was out on sick leave for three months. Officer Schneider, the Senior High SRO, filled in and taught D.A.R.E. classes in his absence. Even though Officer Markkanen was not able to perform his regular police duties, he was able to attend training to learn about SMART board technology and developed a D.A.R.E. curriculum using the SMART board. The SMART board is an interactive white board that is in every classroom at Roosevelt Elementary School. Officer Markkanen then trained the rest of the D.A.R.E. officers on how to implement the SMART board technology into their D.A.R.E. lessons. The state D.A.R.E. officer training conference was held in Willmar in August and Officer Markkanen presented the SMART board curriculum to D.A.R.E. officers from the rest of the state and prepared a CD with SMART board curriculum for them to use.

We were again able to take over 300 D.A.R.E. students and parents to the Twins game for "D.A.R.E. Day at the Dome" on May 3rd. We had D.A.R.E. graduation on May 15<sup>th</sup>, with magician Jerry Frasier as the entertainment for the students and their friends and families in attendance.

In August, Officer Markkanen was promoted to Sergeant and was reassigned back to the Patrol Division. Officer Ross Livingood was then assigned to the Juvenile Division as the new School Resource Officer. He attended training in South Dakota to become the new D.A.R.E. Officer. Another new addition to the D.A.R.E. unit was the new D.A.R.E. truck that Officer Livingood was assigned to drive. It was a vehicle that had been forfeited by a drunk driver and D.A.R.E. logos and decals were put on it.



## **JUNIOR HIGH D.A.R.E.**

The Junior High D.A.R.E. program was taught to seventh graders at the Junior High School for the 15th year. Classes are taught for a two-week period during their health class. Junior High School Resource Officer Michael Markkanen, along with the assistance of health teacher Mary Hanson, taught the ten-day program.



## DONATIONS

The D.A.R.E. program is funded by donations from the community and fundraisers held throughout the year. We have had strong support from the business community for the program for many years and we appreciate it tremendously. The American Legion Club has been our major supporter for many years and provides the majority of the funds it takes to run the D.A.R.E. Program.

The following organizations and groups donated their time, resources or money to D.A.R.E.:

American Legion	KDJS
Bernicks Pepsi	KQIC-Q102
Burger King	KWLM
Cashwise	Print Masters
Culver's	Speedy Print
Dairy Queen	Taco John's
Erbert & Gerbert's	Target
Gurley's Foods	Viking Coke
Jake's Pizza	Wal-Mart
Kandi Entertainment Center	West Central Printing
KandiyoHi Premium Water	West Central Tribune



Submitted by: Sgt. Julie Asmus



## **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS**

The police department has three police officers assigned to the schools during the school year. During the spring semester of 2009, Officer Gene Schneider was assigned to the Senior High School; Officer Michael Markkanen was at the Junior High School, and also handled calls for service at Lincoln Elementary School, Jefferson Elementary School and the Focus House; and Officer Anthony LaPatka had an office at the Alternative Learning Center (ALC), and also handled calls for service at Roosevelt Elementary School and Kennedy Elementary School.

During the summer of 2009, the Willmar school district underwent a major school building change. The sixth grade classes moved from Roosevelt Elementary School to the Junior High School and that building was renamed the Willmar Middle School. Lincoln and Jefferson Elementary Schools were closed, and Roosevelt and Kennedy Elementary Schools then became kindergarten through fifth grade buildings. The only schools in the district that did not change were the Senior High and the ALC.

As the School Resource Officer assigned to the Senior High School, Officer Gene Schneider assists and supports school administration and staff with investigations, discipline and goal setting. He investigates thefts, assaults and criminal damage to property reports, as well as other calls ranging from assisting with student and parent issues, to vehicle assists. He continues to be involved with teaching alcohol and methamphetamine awareness sessions in all of the 9<sup>th</sup> grade health classes.

Approximately 175 video cameras are currently in place in the Willmar school district. Officer Schneider continues to oversee purchases of new cameras, consults with building principals to determine placement of cameras, monitors and repairs minor problems, and coordinates major repairs with camera companies. He instructs school personnel in the use of the recording equipment and assists in recording when needed.

Officer Anthony LaPatka was assigned as the School Resource Officer at the Alternative Learning Center from January to June of 2009. He also taught the DARE program to the 5th grade students at Roosevelt Elementary School. Officer LaPatka serves as a resource for the students, staff and administration at his assigned schools. He assists with conflict resolution, dispute mediation, and is available to discuss and assist parents with other relevant issues. Officer LaPatka responds to and handles the law enforcement related calls for service at the schools he is assigned to, as well as assisting the other School Resource Officers when necessary.

Officer Michael Markkanen was assigned as the School Resource Officer at the Willmar Junior High School from January to June of 2009. In January, he was injured off-duty and was replaced for three months by Sgt. Julie Asmus. Officer Schneider, the Senior High SRO, also assisted by teaching DARE classes while Officer Markkanen was gone.

During the summer of 2009, the Police Department also had some changes. Officer Michael Markkanen was promoted to Sergeant and returned to the patrol division, and Officer Ross Livingood was assigned as the new School Resource Officer when school began in the fall. With the changes in the schools and the students in each of the buildings,



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the School Resource Officer assignments also changed when school began in the fall. Officer Schneider remained at the Senior High School, Officer LaPatka moved to the new Middle School, and Officer Livingood was assigned to the Alternative Learning Center and was also responsible for calls for service to Roosevelt and Kennedy Elementary Schools.

During the summer months, the School Resource Officers work uniform patrol and support the Detective Division.

## **School Resource Officer Activity**

ACTIVITY	TOTALS
Alcohol / Other Substances Violations	3
Assaults	31
Calls for Service	730
Criminal Damage to Property (CDTP)	6
Disturbances	49
Follow-Up Investigations	187
Gang Miscellaneous Writing / Signing	19
Harassment Complaints	14
Marijuana Cases	5
Officer Assists	177
Special Assignments	94
Students to Crisis / Detox	6
Thefts	47
Tobacco Violations	5
Trespass Notices	1
Weapons Complaints	10



Submitted by: Sgt. Julie Asmus



## **CRIME PREVENTION / COMMUNITY POLICING**

The Crime Prevention / Community Policing Coordinator is responsible for coordinating the department's community policing efforts and a wide variety of crime prevention initiatives. Officer Marilee Dorn is certified as a Crime Prevention Practitioner by the Minnesota Crime Prevention Association and fills this position.

As part of this mission, Officer Dorn participates in the following community boards and committee assignments:

- Willmar Early Childhood Coalition
- Kandiyohi County Parents Forever steering committee
- Willmar Public Schools Child Guide Program Advisory Board
- Kandiyohi County Automated External Defibrillators (AED) Coalition
- Kandiyohi County Safe Communities Coalition

Officer Dorn is also the law enforcement liaison to the Willmar Area Crime Stoppers, and coordinates the Willmar People On Watch! volunteers.

**PEOPLE ON WATCH! (POW!):** The People On Watch! volunteer program with the Willmar Police Department is an expansion of Neighborhood Watch concepts. POW! was conceived during 1996 and launched in 1997 under the lead of citizens attending Willmar's Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving meetings, working with members of the department to establish the program. Members are trained to recognize and report suspicious or dangerous situations; they are not expected to intervene beyond being good witnesses.

Each POW! volunteer receives 16 hours of initial training in a citizen police-academy setting taught by Willmar Police Department officers. Academy graduates' new knowledge includes basic constitutional and criminal law and procedures, observation and reporting skills, DWI detection, drug trafficking familiarization, bystander first aid, and self-defense. The program has recently been modified to allow anyone 15 or older to attend the academy. Those who choose to join POW! after completing the academy, must undergo a background check and be at least 19 years old. Members attend bi-monthly training meetings at the Law Enforcement Center.

An academy was held during the spring of 2009 on Saturday afternoons. Five individuals completed the academy; four were old enough to join POW! at completion. Active membership remains at about 26 individuals. Over 150 people have participated in the academy over the past 12 years.

Active POW! volunteers may sign up to patrol in pairs or trios. Members on patrol call in any suspicious, dangerous, or emergency situations they encounter – and we have found that many members call in incidents they observe when simply going about their daily lives. They use their own vehicles, logging nearly 320 man-hours of dedicated patrol in 2009. In addition, several members worked as volunteer receptionists at the front desk at the Police Department, working 947 hours, a valuable assist to the office staff.

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POW! members also assist the department with special events. In 2009, members volunteered to assist on foot at the Willmar Fests Downtown Block Party and manned barricade posts for the Grande Day Parade in June. They staffed displays and food service for the National Night Out event in August, and assured consistent staffing for the Police and Sheriff's booth at the Kandiyohi County Fair. They also served in crowd and traffic control for the Holidaze Parade in November. Their contribution to the department and their community is truly appreciated.



**EDUCATION OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS:** Teaching members of our community about crime and safety is a vital aspect of the crime prevention mission. The Willmar Police Department is committed to empowering and educating the people in our community on ways in which they can reduce their chances of being victimized by crime, enhance their personal safety, and reduce traffic crash burdens on society. To assist with this education, the department maintains display materials and handouts to distribute. The Crime Prevention/Community Policing Coordinator is a regular educator at Head Start, ECFE, and senior care facilities, and is available to speak to civic organizations on a variety of public safety topics. Officer Dorn taught 98 classes in the community on over 20 topics and sub-topics in 2009, which are included in the Department's Presentations/Training section.

Television is also used as a means of public education. The department coordinates with WRAC local-access television to produce a monthly public safety show titled, "Willmar 9-1-1". On the half-hour show public safety topics are explored using personnel and information from law enforcement, emergency preparedness, fire and emergency medical viewpoints. In 2009, shows were produced on bicycle safety, severe storms, the internet as both a resource and threat, overheating of pets and children in parked vehicles, fireworks and fire pits, falls, the new seatbelt laws and other traffic safety changes, and holiday gift-giving for safety.

Officer Dorn has become a frequent educational guest on local radio programs and writes a safety article for each bi-monthly "Seasons" magazine, which is available free in area businesses.

In 2009, Officer Dorn worked with other members of the Willmar Early Childhood coalition and the Willmar Fire Department to cooperatively write and publish a book for young children and their parents about fire safety and on-call fire departments. It was introduced at the annual early childhood "Read with the Firefighters" event at the Willmar Fire Station, in which the Police Department also participates.

**COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING AND PROBLEM SOLVING (COPPS):** The Willmar Police Department operates under the philosophy of community policing, which uses a proactive approach to identifying and dealing with problems instead of simply responding to calls for service. Ongoing attention is paid to crime trends and quality of life issues which can be indicators of criminal activity or safety problems.



Monthly or bi-monthly COPPS meetings are held in each of the city's four wards, where any topics related to public safety may be addressed. Each patrol sergeant is assigned to supervise a ward and schedules the meetings. Each officer on the department is assigned to a ward and is expected to be familiar with public safety issues in that area, though they will patrol and respond to calls throughout the city. Attendance at COPPS meetings varies by ward and concern, with averages of 4 to 20 people attending. Any area resident who wants to attend can request to have their name on the notification list for meetings. Officer Dorn coordinates record-keeping and special or city-wide activity in the COPPS program. A city-wide session on severe storms was held during May 2009, with the National Weather Service providing Sky Warn training for anyone interested.

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:** Neighborhood Watch is a smaller version of community policing, which requires active participation by neighbors. Several Neighborhood Watches continue to be active, including a number of housing complexes which also participate in the Minnesota Crime-Free Multi-Housing program.

**TRAFFIC SAFETY:** Complaints and concerns about traffic safety are the chief topic for many COPPS meetings and other venues for public input. The department monitors crash rates and patterns, specific driving complaints, and complaints of congestion throughout Willmar and on routes into the city. This knowledge facilitates allocation of resources through the Safe & Sober program, targeted public education, and discussion of environmental solutions in the effort to reduce crash losses and driver frustrations.

The department continues to participate in the Safe & Sober traffic safety education and enforcement program, part of the Towards Zero Deaths initiative. Partners with the Willmar Police Department in the state-funded campaign include the Kandiyohi and Swift County Sheriff's Offices, and the Benson and Atwater Police Departments. Officer Dorn does much of the reporting and public education for the local program. During 2009, Willmar officers worked 240 hours of overtime on traffic law enforcement, which was reimbursed through the Safe & Sober grant.

Three members of the department remain certified as Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Technicians, teaching caregivers (and other officers) on safe transportation of babies and children in motor vehicles. They worked at four CPS installation clinics and provided one-on-one installation advice as necessary. When the seatbelt and child restraint laws of Minnesota were upgraded in May, the department was able to quickly put together a flyer which was sent home to all K-2 students in the Willmar Public Schools. This gave parents specific information so they could be prepared before the laws went into effect.

Submitted by: Officer Marilee Dorn, Crime Prevention/Community Policing Coordinator



## **COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER / APPRENTICE PROGRAM**

The Willmar Police Department currently has four law enforcement students, two freshmen and two sophomores, from Ridgewater College, who work part-time in the Community Service Officer/Apprentice Program.

The CSO/Apprentice positions enforce on-street parking and parking in the city lots in the downtown area. Other duties include animal control, vacation checks, administrative errands, providing assistance and information to the public, delivering vehicles for maintenance, organization of vehicles and bicycles at the city impound lot, and assisting with the city auctions. The CSOs have been instrumental in the smooth operation of many special city-wide activities, helping with setup, traffic control and parking enforcement during Willmar Fest, SonShine, National Night Out, DARE activities, and numerous other parades and events. The Willmar Police Department and Ridgewater College worked together to develop the Apprentice Program in 1999. Our sophomore apprentices are Alex Anderson and Tony Pearson, and our freshmen apprentices, who were hired in September, are Matt Peters and Matt Ledeboer.

In the summer months we hired two students, one to do downtown parking enforcement and one to provide assistance to the CSOs. Joshua Frank was hired for the parking position and Matt Peters was hired as the summer CSO.

One of the purposes of the apprentice program is to provide training to the CSOs when we are doing in-house training. The CSOs were able to observe or participate in the following training:

- Bloodborne Pathogens
- Hazardous Materials
- CJIS/BCA Information Services
- Zero Alcohol Program
- ARMER Training (800 MHz Radios)
- DNR Laws for Snowmobiles, ATV's, etc.

According to statistics from City Offices, during 2009, parking tickets issued by officers and the CSO/Apprentice positions totaled 3,077, of which 2,382 were paid or partially paid, and 93 were voided. Revenue generated in fines was \$21,094.

Submitted by: Sgt. Julie A. Asmus





## CSO / Apprentice Activity

ACTIVITY	2007	2008	2009
Animal Complaints	713	658	534
Citizen Assists	180	264	138
Dogs Impounded	114	80	32
Cats Impounded	96	62	20
48-Hour – Cited	176	129	111
48-Hour – Marked	211	379	213
48-Hour – Towed	93	68	40
Vacation / Security Checks	670	1,039	755
Bikes Impounded	165	72	90



CSOs: Tony Pearson, Matt Peters, Matt Ledebøer, Alex Anderson



## **SUMMER BICYCLE PROGRAM**

The bicycle safety patrol is a part-time program operated during the summer months. Duties of the bicycle patrol include patrolling the streets for bicycle traffic violators, issuing bicycle warnings and citations when necessary, and conducting weekly bicycle safety seminars. The part-time summer employees hired for 2009 were Andrew Halbritter and Christopher Duscher.

The bicycle patrol was also utilized to help at several projects and events throughout the summer.

- During Willmar Fest, the bike patrol assisted with the Downtown Block Party and helped with traffic control during the Kiddie Parade and the Grande Day Parade. They helped organize and distribute emergency management books to all of the coordinators of the Willmar Fest events.
- During the SonShine Music Festival, the bike patrol staffed the information booth at the police substation located at the event.
- August 4th was National Night Out and the bike patrol helped organize the fourth annual city-wide safety fair at Robbins Island. They helped coordinate safety demonstrations by the ambulance, rescue squad and fire department.

Besides their weekly bike safety classes for bicycle violators, they also did community presentations on bike safety and set up obstacle courses at Cardinal Place and several daycare homes.

Submitted by: Sgt. Julie Asmus



Christopher Duscher & Andrew Halbritter



## **DETECTIVE DIVISION**



### **GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS**

The Willmar Police Department Detective Division is made up of four detectives, two gang enforcement officers, and a narcotics officer assigned to the CEE-VI Narcotics Task Force. Their responsibilities include investigation of criminal cases, investigation of child abuse reports, tracking predatory sex offenders, investigation of liquor license applications and renewals, conducting liquor compliance checks, conducting background investigations of police candidates, processing forfeitures, and assisting other agencies in conducting internal affairs investigations. In addition, the detectives share information and assist both the Gang Enforcement Team and the Drug Task Force.

In 2009, detectives reviewed over 1,300 criminal cases. The Detective Unit received 399 reports from Kandiyohi County Family Services, and investigated 30 of them with their assistance. Thirty (30) predatory sex offenders living in the city of Willmar were tracked by detectives in 2009. Thirty-eight (38) liquor license applications and renewals were investigated and 43 liquor compliance checks were performed.

All detectives assigned to the Detective Unit share in the everyday investigation of criminal cases. In addition, each detective is assigned to a specific area of responsibility. The Detective Sergeant supervises the Detective Division.

Submitted by: Detective Sergeant Vince King





## **GANG ENFORCEMENT TEAM (GET)**

The Willmar Police Department Gang Enforcement Team, known as GET, was established in October 1997 to serve as a specialized unit designed to track, identify, document and apprehend criminal gang members and other persons involved in criminal activity. In 2009, the Gang Enforcement Team was staffed by Officer Del Wagner and Officer Scott Erickson. GET is a component of the Detective Division and is supervised by the Detective Sergeant.

GET duties include documenting gang activity, identifying gang members and associates, creating and maintaining gang files, focusing attention on criminal gang behavior, educating the public on gang awareness, fugitive apprehension, predatory offender registration updates and file maintenance, case investigations, assisting the narcotics division (CEE-VI Drug Task Force) with drug investigations, and assisting the uniform patrol officers with calls for service.

In 2009, the City of Willmar again saw its fair share of gang graffiti. Although gang graffiti was present in 2009, the number of occurrences went down from 2008. During the Gang Enforcement Team's investigation of these graffiti crimes, they were able to charge out 7 juveniles, clearing over 60 cases of gang graffiti. Of the 7 juveniles, 4 of them were charged in 2008 with similar offenses. Although gang graffiti was a focus of the Gang Enforcement Team, they also investigated burglaries, thefts, identity thefts, and sexual assaults.

Shown below are samples of some of the different graffiti that was present in Willmar this past year.



Submitted by: Officer Scott Erickson and Officer Del Wagner



## **CEE-VI NARCOTICS TASK FORCE**

The Willmar Police Department currently has one full-time officer assigned to the CEE-VI Drug Task Force. "CEE" stands for Cooperative Enforcement Effort, and the Roman numeral "VI" stands for the original six counties in the task force. There are currently six counties that the CEE-VI Drug & Gang Task Force serves. They include: Kandiyohi, Chippewa, Renville, Meeker, Yellow Medicine and Swift.

The job of the drug task force is to investigate all facets of drug crimes. This includes, but is not limited to, undercover work, supervising informants, surveillance detail, writing and executing search warrants, investigating clandestine meth labs, proactive drug enforcement, and follow-up investigation on various leads.

In 2009, the CEE-VI Drug & Gang Task Force was responsible for the arrest of 98 individuals. The task force seized and purchased over 1 pound of cocaine, 21 pounds of marijuana, and over 2 pounds of methamphetamine. Methamphetamine lab investigations remain low; however, methamphetamine and cocaine seem to be increasing in the City of Willmar.

In 2009, the task force area saw a large increase in the use and sales of diverted pharmaceuticals (prescription pain pills). The trend in diverted pharmaceuticals was also seen statewide.

The task force was responsible for 43 arrests and 15 search warrants in the City of Willmar in 2009. The total asset seizures in Willmar consisted of \$2,625.00 cash, two vehicles and two guns.

### **Drugs Seized in Willmar**

Drug	Weight
Cocaine	4.20 grams
Marijuana	4,892.70 grams
Morphine	2.0 pills
Methamphetamine	65.20 grams

### **Drugs Purchased in Willmar**

Drug	Weight
Cocaine	1.8 grams
Marijuana	140.10 grams
Methamphetamine	204.20 grams
LSD	5 dosage units

Submitted by: Agent Michael Jahnke, CEE-VI Drug & Gang Task Force



## **SUPPORT SERVICES**

### **EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (ERT)**

The Willmar Police Department Emergency Response Team (ERT) was established in 1994 as a unit to deal with high risk incidents where specialized training and equipment are utilized. Some specific high risk situations may include dangerous search warrants, hostage situations, barricaded suspects, suicidal individuals with weapons, and special protection details.

The Willmar Police Department Emergency Response Team is composed of an entry team unit and a marksmen unit. These teams operate under the command of the Chief of Police, the Police Captain, and two team leaders.

All entry team members have completed a minimum of a basic tactical class through the Special Operations Training Association, Minnesota National Guard Counter-Drug Program and/or the Federal Bureau of Investigations. Members receive training in techniques such as emergency rescue, active shooters, forcible entry, and room entry/searches. Specialized equipment may include tactical weapons, lock disruption devices, controlled explosive devices (aka noise/flash diversion devices) and chemical munitions.



Marksmen team members have each attended the Minnesota National Guard Counter Sniper Precision Marksmanship School and basic tactical team training. Marksmen are required to perform a monthly qualification shoot and fire their rifles from various elevations, distances and shooting positions. Marksmen may be called upon to provide cover and support to the Emergency Response Team or provide intelligence utilizing camouflage and concealment and high powered optics.

The Willmar Police Department Emergency Response Team works closely with the Kandiyohi County Sheriff Special Weapons And Tactics Team (SWAT) and the Kandiyohi County Sheriff Medic team. Joint training sessions are held on a regular basis to provide this specialized training.

The Emergency Response Team is coordinated through two primary team leaders and a marksmen team coordinator.

Submitted by: Sgt. Jim Felt





## CANINE UNIT

Officer Craig Lange and Canine “Cato” began working as a canine unit team on December 1, 2002. As part of Officer Lange and Cato’s assignment, they are to perform regular patrol officer functions, along with assisting other officers and agencies with narcotics searches, evidence searches, and tracking fugitives or lost persons. Cato is a German Shepherd currently certified as a narcotics detection dog by the United States Police Canine Association (USPCA).

During 2009, Cato was involved with 35 job related deployments. These deployments consisted of 25 vehicle searches and 9 building searches for narcotics. Cato was also deployed to track and apprehend a fleeing suspect. From these deployments, the canine unit assisted with the recovery of approximately 120 grams of narcotics, having an estimated street value of \$3,200. The above narcotic apprehensions resulted in one property seizure, with an approximate value of \$2,000. The property consisted of cash, drug paraphernalia, and one firearm.

The commonly seen blue Ford Explorer canine squad was decommissioned from the fleet after ten years of service, seven years of which were for the canine unit detail. It was replaced with a fully marked 2009 Ford Crown Victoria squad car.

Agencies the canine unit assisted in 2009 were the Kandiyohi County Sheriff’s Office, the CEE-VI Drug Task Force, the Minnesota State Patrol, the Minnesota DNR, Willmar Public Schools, and other various private agencies.

The Willmar Police Department feels the canine unit is an important tool in combating narcotic sales/possession and deterring narcotic traffic activity in our community.

Submitted by: Officer Craig Lange





## **LAW ENFORCEMENT CHAPLAIN PROGRAM**

Our Chaplain Program consists of three chaplains: Pastor H. Paul McCullough, Pastor Richard “Woody” Glanzer, and Father Brian Mandel. The chaplains serve the entire Law Enforcement Center, which includes the Willmar Police Department, Kandiyohi County Sheriff’s Office, Kandiyohi County Jail, and the Dispatch Center. Not only do they serve the officers, but also the officers’ families, and inmates.

During the past year, the chaplains participated in ride-alongs with officers, helped with six death notifications, assisted with prisoner counseling, along with many other events. This is all done on a volunteer basis.

This year an invitation was extended to the chaplains to become sanctioned by the Minnesota Emergency Services Association (MESCA) in Minneapolis. With the help of the Willmar Police Department and the Kandiyohi County Sheriff’s Office, the chaplains made their way to Minneapolis on several Monday evenings, and two chaplains received certification upon their graduation. The third chaplain will complete his certification this year at the next set of classes. MESCA works in the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, with the respective departments of police, fire and other emergency services, to better coordinate their efforts in dealing with a major emergency, such as the collapse of the I-35W Bridge in 2007. The chaplains could be called there to assist them or they would stand ready to come to our area if needed. All three chaplains are sanctioned by the International Conference of Police Chaplains as well.

The chaplains give of their time to help and support our departments and the community. Pastor Paul also hands out a weekly message which discusses various topics, such as relationships, character and integrity. We wish to thank all three chaplains for their prayers and support.



Pastor Woody Glanzer   Pastor Paul McCullough   Father Brian Mandel

Submitted by: Officer Delmin Wagner